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¶1. (SBU) According to Hasan Yalcin, Turkish Foreign Trade Undersecretariat (FTU) Deputy Director General for Multilateral Agreements, Turkey supports the U.S. proposal but wants an agreement with the EC that would consolidate the two papers into one compromise proposal. He added that it would be difficult to side against the EC, especially at a time when the two sides are still seeking a possible solution. According to Yalcin, Turkish representatives at the WTO plan to submit a formal response to U.S. questions about the proposal and will attend the May 7 morning meeting organized by the U.S. delegation.

¶2. (SBU) On the substance of the U.S. proposal, Yalcin said that FTU officials have two minor issues. For the labeling requirements for footwear, they do not believe that country of origin is sufficient and would like to see material content labeling required. They also feel that Article 1.a.i.'s mention of "information necessary for consumer safety" is too broad and ambiguous and needs to be better defined.

¶3. (SBU) Yalcin raised Turkey's proposed joint declaration on the textile sector, which it would also like to issue during May 7 "NAMA week." As he did during an April meeting in Washington with the USTR Textile Negotiator, he asked for quiet U.S. encouragement of producer countries to join the planned Turkish declaration, which will emphasize the sensitive nature of the textile sector. Such support could be most useful with Central and South American producers, as well as Mediterranean producers like Jordan and Egypt. He understands that the United States cannot join the declaration.

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